

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

HAMPDEN-SMITH et al. APR 17 2006

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Atty. File No.: 41890-01693

For: "PALLADIUM-CONTAINING
PARTICLES, METHOD AND
APPARATUS OF MANUFACTURE,
PALLADIUM-CONTAINING DEVICES
MADE THEREFROM"

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 11, 2005, with respect to the above-identified Application.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136, extending the time period for response to April 11, 2006, and enclose a check for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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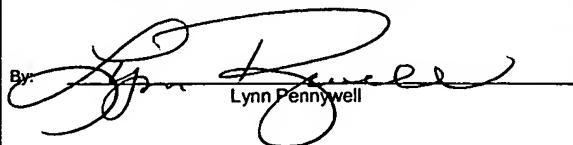
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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